

## DECISION AGAINST STRIKES

JUSTICE TRUAX HOLDS IT IS ILLEGAL TO PREVENT MEN FROM WORKING.

HE ENJOINS THE ENTERPRISE AND PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS FROM INTERFERING WITH MEMBERS OF ANOTHER SOCIETY.

Justice Truax, in the Supreme Court, yesterday handed down a decision in the action for an injunction brought by the National Protective Association of Steamfitters and Helpers and Charles McQued against the Enterprise Association and the Progress Association, both unincorporated societies of steamfitters and helpers, and their walking delegates in which he enjoins the defendants from interfering with the members of the plaintiff association and preventing them from procuring and retaining work.

The plaintiffs alleged that the members of the two associations and their walking delegates had entered into an agreement to prevent the members of the National Protective Association from obtaining work, except on a few small jobs where their own members were not employed, and by threats that they would enforce a strike of the laborers and other workmen employed on buildings at Nos. 39 and 61 West Forty-fifth, Twelfth-st., and Seventh-ave., and Burling Slip and Front-st., intimating the contractors for those buildings so that they discharged the members of the National Protective Association employed in putting in boilers and steam appliances. The defendants denied all the allegations and averred that the plaintiff had an adequate remedy at law by a suit for damages.

Justice Truax, in his decision says:

The evidence shows that the defendants have entered into a combination which in effect prevents and will prevent the plaintiff, McQued, and other members of the protective association from working at his and their trade in the city of New York. In fact, it was shown that the defendant, Cummings, one of the walking delegates of the Enterprise Association, was prevented from enlisting members of the plaintiff association and the plaintiff, McQued, wherever he found them at work, and that he would not allow them to work at any job on which the members of the protective association were employed, unless he could get them to agree to do so. The members of the protective association were prevented from continuing at work, and they were doing at the time the strike was ordered. Such a combination amounts to a conspiracy, and is unlawful.

The case is to be distinguished from the case of Davis against the United English Immigrant Society, in that the men were employed only temporarily and until a union man could be obtained to take his place, and in which it was also held that there was no evidence that the conspirators intended to prevent men from working. It is to be noted that in the Davis case the court assumes for the purposes of that case that any individual or association of individuals has not right to interfere with another's work in the exercise of his craft, business or profession as to prevent him from earning his livelihood in that profession, craft or business.

The present case from working at any job in this city is to prevent him from earning his livelihood in his profession, craft or business, and such an act will be enjoined. The evidence in reference to damages is so indefinite that the court has not yet decided what amount should be allowed. The injunction heretofore granted is continued. Judgment is ordered accordingly, with costs to the plaintiff.

A NICE QUESTION FOR THE CORONER.

CAN HE ISSUE A BURIAL PERMIT FOR PART OF A MAN WHILE THE MAN HIMSELF IS ALIVE?

A representative of D. W. Kelly, an undertaker, of Eighteenth and First-ave., called at Bellevue Hospital yesterday morning for a permit to remove a right leg and foot from the Morgue, which he desired to bury in Calvary Cemetery. The leg and foot are those of Peter Conroy, who lives at No. 237 Avenue B, with his wife. He had an abscess on his right leg, which forced him to go to Bellevue Hospital some time ago. He had to submit to amputation. The operation was performed recently. He recovered, and is recuperating now in the hospital.

Mrs. Conroy told undertaker Kelly to take charge of the burial of her husband's right leg and foot, and he accepted the case. Two other undertakers who had been approached by Mrs. Conroy to care for the body had refused to do so. The permit will come from the Coroner who issues permits for the removal of "remains," and there is some belief that the question will arise as to whether a leg and foot will constitute remains.

It is commonly understood to be corpses, and it is thought the Coroner may not care to grant a permit for a burial of part of a man while the man himself is alive.

WORMSER'S APPLICATION DENIED.

JUSTICE BISCHOFF REFUSES TO OPEN THE DEFAULT IN AN ACTION AGAINST HIM.

The application of Maurice Wormser to open a default against him in an action brought by him against Frederick W. Graef and others to cancel an agreement made by him with Graef, and to enjoin the transfer of stock of the Food Manufacturing Company valued at \$60,000, and two notes for \$10,000 each, was yesterday denied by Justice Bischoff in the Supreme Court. The suit arose out of the effort to form a milk trust a year ago.

Graef alleged that Wormser and the others engaged with him in forming the milk trust asked him in February, 1888, to come here from Berlin, with a view to purchasing a patent he had to change skimmed milk into a valuable food preparation for dyspeptics by the aid of carbonic acid gas.

Graef set up his machines in a bakery owned by John D. Gilmer at No. 23 Greenwich-st., and Wormser and his friends were so pleased with his product that they agreed to pay \$100,000 for his invention. He was to get \$50,000 of stock in the Farm and Dairy Product Company of New-Jersey, the proposed milk trust and \$10,000 in notes payable in six months.

On representations of Wormser, who said the trust had collapsed, he later accepted \$40,000 in the stock of the corporation and two notes of \$5,000 each, which were drawn by the Food Manufacturing Company to Wormser's order, who indorsed one of them to Graef and the other to his respects C. C. W. and W. W. Wormser, who were made defendants to the suit by Wormser.

Wormser wanted this second agreement cancelled because the process was not properly worked by Graef's men, and he was not satisfied with his work. In a few parts in Canada and South America, Graef said many could make the improved skimmed milk after reading the patent, and that the company had many competitors. He also said that Wormser had filed an application for the re-opening of his case on the ground that he was ordered to go to Europe by his physicians last March to take the waters at Aix-les-Bains and did so. This was the reason why he was not here when his case was called for trial.

Graef alleged that an application to delay the trial had been made on the same grounds, but was denied, and a writ of execution was issued pending trial, and the amount of the notes given him, which would be jeopardized by any further delay. He also charged that another judgment had been obtained against Wormser, and that he had been issued an injunction in supplementary proceedings had been issued. He alleged that Wormser was insolvent.

POLICEMAN WAS OVERZEALOUS.

SENT IN AN ALARM AT SEEING SPARKS COME FROM A NEWLY CLEANED CHIMNEY OF THE EVERETT HOUSE.

An overzealous policeman and a recently swept chimney caused some excitement in the Everett House, Seventeenth-st. and Fourth-ave., about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The chimney had just been cleaned by "sweeps" who after their work was completed tested the draught by lighting paper in the fireplace of the ground floor. The chimney was in such perfect condition and the draught so good that the blazing paper was carried up the chimney, where it soon dissipated in sparks. A policeman, who was nameless, but fully concealed, saw the sparks and at once jumped to the decision that the hotel was on fire. Without stopping to investigate he rushed to the corner of Seventeenth- and Broadway, and rang the alarm bell. The police, however, were congratulating themselves on the thoroughness of their work, and the night clerk of the hotel wasaboring in the Sixth-st. room, from November 8 to 18 last. Over six thousand square feet of floor space, which by the way, is the extent of the contributions. The Hospital Bed Fund provides gratuitous treatment for sick and disabled members of the councils of the Royal Arcanum in the boroughs named.

ROYAL ARCANUM BED FUND FAIR.

Preparations are being made for the fair for the benefit of the Royal Arcanum Hospital Bed Fund of the boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond, at Masonic Temple, Twenty-third-st. and Sixth-st., from November 8 to 18 next. Over six thousand square feet of floor space, which by the way, is the extent of the contributions.

The hospital authorities have not yet fixed the date of the opening of the fair.

"Where is the fire?" inquired the captain of one of the fire companies.

"What fire?" asked the astonished clerk.

"A fire on fire," on fire," replied Mr. McGuire.

Meantime, some of the guests became aroused by the clangor of the alarm, and appeared in the hall, feeling of nervousness was manifested and a hasty investigation on the part of the firemen and explanations on the part of the chimney sweeps cleared up the mystery. Some of the sweeps, however, were not satisfied with the explanation, and in order to reassure them, the firemen went up to the roof and here some of the chimneys, which at no time was on

fire.

MALCOLM W. PETERS ARRESTED.

Deputy Sheriff Terry arrested Malcolm W. Peters, the former president and acting treasurer of the Interstate Advertising Company early yesterday, on an order signed by Justice Stover of the Supreme Court. Mr. Peters furnished \$250 bail and was released. The arrest grows out of a suit brought by the Interstate Advertising Company to recover \$326 34 which it claimed Mr. Peters misappropriated while he was president and acting treasurer between February 1 and May 1 last.

## HE MUST OBEY THE LAW.

COMMISSIONER YORK SAYS THERE WILL BE NO LET UP IN THE WAR ON CONCERT HALLS.

Notwithstanding the action of Magistrate Nos- trand in the Coney Island Police Court on Friday in discharging the proprietors of thirteen concert halls who were arrested on a recent Sunday, charged with violating the concert hall and excuse laws, the police will not let up in enforcing the law as heretofore. President York of the Police Board made this statement yesterday. He said that there would be no change in the action of the Police Department with respect to the enforcement of the Sunday law. Mr. York had this to say about the matter:

"If the facts are as represented in the newspapers as to the disposition of the Coney Island cases, and as stated by the Magistrate, that the evidence of an officer must be corroborated after the violation of law, then it becomes apparent that the Board is not going to receive the co-operation of the judiciary of the lower courts in the enforcement of the law. If this condition is to exist, then the Board must resort to the extreme measures vested in it, and let the judiciary and administrators of criminal law take the responsibility for failure to enforce the law. It is unfair to hold the Police Department responsible for the failure to enforce the law where that co-operation which it is entitled to receive from the judiciary and administrative branch of the government charged with the administration of criminal law is not given. The law will be enforced to-morrow as on other Sundays. The law is here and the force of the law is here, and the members of the force are required to enforce them, independent of what action others may take."

Concerning the action of the Grand Jury in throwing out the case of Philip Blechman, York said he was not exactly familiar with the details of the case. He thought the jury might be confused by the practice of serving beer with meals while giving an instrumental concert. He said there was no law which prevented instrumental music or singing on Sunday in these places. Little difficulty can arise with regard to the conduct of hotel keepers who are under license to sell beer at a hotel, but no stage performance, dancing on the stage, negro minstrelsy or any other performance can be given. The concert must be confined strictly to vocal and instrumental music."

It is likely that the Board may next week act on the case of the concert hall keepers who received a hearing before the Board, and that a bill will be introduced in the Legislature to give the Board power to make inter-

## BIG CLAIMS FROM LEXOW TRIALS.

PRICE, SCHELL AND CLAUSEN AS LARGE SUMS FOR LEGAL EXPENSES.

Joseph Koch and Francis V. S. Oliver have begun to file claims under the new law which permits public officials who were tried and not convicted on charges to have their claims for legal expenses passed upon by the Supreme Court. It is understood that the two lawyers have been retained to look after the claims of Chief of Police Devry, Acting Deputy Chief McLoughlin, Inspector Cross, Captain Stephenson and many other police officials who were tried on charges growing out of the Lexow investigation. Some of the claims to be filed with the Supreme Court for investigation are believed to be enormous. The lawyers yesterday filed the claims of Police Captain James K. Price, Patrolman Henry Schell and Park Commissioner George Clausen.

Price's claim is for \$3,000 for expenses and counsel fees in defending himself against proceedings brought before the Board of Commissioners. The proceedings were dismissed.

Schell's claim is for \$2,000 for defending himself against similar proceedings that were also dismissed, and Commissioner Clausen's claim is for \$1,000.

When Mr. Clausen was Park Commissioner in 1891 an appropriation of \$10,000 was made to give employment to the poor. Mr. Clausen gave several contracts for asphalt paving work to advertising, and the legislature passed a bill legalizing his action. He was never tried, and it is believed that a big sum particular showing how he expended \$2,000 in getting the bill passed will make interesting reading.

## LAW AGAINST MENTAL HEALERS.

PUBLIC MEETING CALLED FOR THURSDAY EVENING TO DISCUSS THE PLAN.

A public meeting has been called for next Thursday evening at the Waldorf-Astoria to discuss a bill to be presented to the next Legislature with the object of putting a stop to the incompetent treatment of persons suffering from disease by mental and Christian Science healers. The meeting is called under the auspices of the Medical and Legal Relief Society, of No. 123 Broadway. Former Tax Commissioner Theodore Sutro is the president, and Charles T. Yerkes, Edward Lauterbach, Howard P. Okie, Abraham Gruber, Thomas H. Bullock, Dr. Foster Parker, A. B. De Frese, Charles Broadway House, Charles H. Page, William Brookfield, Francis B. Thresher, Dr. J. Redmond Morris, Dr. John Holler, Amos J. Cummings, Columbus O. Johnson, Dr. Carl Beck, John F. Conch, St. George T. Brooke, Dr. William Stewart, George E. Waldo, Frank Tilford and Francis J. Lantry, Commissioner of Correction, are vice-presidents.

It is not proposed by any of the persons interested to make any attack upon the use of mental suggestion, or any of the kindred methods employed in the healing or relief of nervous or neuritic disorders, nor is it proposed to make any attack upon mental healers and Christian Scientists as such. It is proposed to prepare a law making it a penal offence for any person, medical, bengal, otherwise, to prey upon persons by persuading or in any other way the attendance upon a sick person of a regular physician.

Alderman Howard P. Okie has prepared a draft of the bill which will be submitted to the meeting. It declares that any person who shall persuade or prevent any sick person from calling to his aid the services of a regularly licensed medical practitioner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and that where death occurs the person exercising such persuasion or prevention shall be guilty of manslaughter, and that if small guilty of guilty of manslaughter, and that the person exercising prevention is practised when any person is attended by any healer other than a regularly licensed physician, and no regular medical practitioner is called to attend him.

The meeting, which is to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria is arousing widespread interest. Among those who will attend and who have been invited to attend apart from the signers of the call are Governor Roosevelt, Senator Brewster, Mayor of New York, George F. Peabody, Dr. R. S. MacArthur, the Rev. Dr. H. Heber Newton, the Rev. Dr. Robert Colyer, the Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainford, Dr. Leslie Parker, Dr. George W. Jackson, Dr. John F. D. Davis, Dr. George Shadley, Alan McLane, Hamilton, Mary Putnam Jacoby, Seelye, Dr. Powell, Graeme Hamilton, W. T. Hull, St. John Russel, W. A. Smith, Hugh G. Bourke, Corkran, General Walter Swaine, General Stewart L. Woodford, Paul D. Cravath, Frederick R. Conder, W. Bayard Cutting, J. Kennedy, Tom C. Clark, and many others.

Any copy of the bill can be seen at the offices of the Medical and Legal Relief Society, No. 123 Broadway.

THE SARA D. FELL DAMAGED IN A COLLISION OFF THE WEST BANK.

While the schooner Sarah D. Fell, of Philadelphia, was at anchor off the West Bank at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning she was run into by a boat of loaded mud scows which were being taken to sea by the tug Stephen Decatur, owned by the Morris & Cummings Dredging Company. Two planks were stowed in on the schooner's starboard bow, one of which was below the water line. By the use of steam pumps, with which the schooner was provided, the leakage was kept under control and canvas was placed over the damaged bow. The Decatur towed the schooner to Quarantine, and after she had been hauled by the health officer she was taken to the city by the tug New York.

The Sarah D. Fell is a three-masted vessel of 28 tons burden, and is owned in Philadelphia by the estate of John R. Fell. She had recently arrived from Manzanilla, Cuba, with sugar. After being towed to Quarantine, the tug Stephen Decatur picked up the scows and took them to the dumping grounds.

## MUD SCOWS HIT A SCHOONER.

A PROMINENT SOUTHERN EPISCOPALIAN SPEAKS OF A UNION AGAINST THE BROAD PARTY.

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